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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

15 January 13, 2015

  
PATRICK OGAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:  
AWARD AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL AND GEOHAZARD  
CONSULTANT SERVICES  
VARIOUS COUNTY HEALTHCARE PROJECTS  
(ALL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Find the recommended action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act and award and authorize execution of agreements to provide as-needed geotechnical and geohazard consultant services to support various County projects. These services will support various ongoing and upcoming healthcare projects at the medical campuses of, but not limited to, Harbor-UCLA, Olive View-UCLA, LAC+USC, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Centers.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the recommended action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter.
2. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or her designee, to execute consultant services agreements for as-needed geotechnical and geohazard consultant services with AMEC Environment & Infrastructure and URS Corporation for various ongoing and upcoming healthcare projects at the medical campuses of, but not limited to, Harbor-UCLA, Olive View-UCLA, LAC+USC, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Centers for a not-to-exceed amount of \$3 million each, and a combined total amount of \$6 million. The initial term of each consultant services agreement is for three years, commencing upon the full execution of the contract, with two one-year extension options for each

firm to be exercised at the discretion of the County. The expiration of the consultant services agreement is subject to the following condition: Where services for a given project have been authorized by the County, but are not completed by the consultant prior to the stated expiration date, the expiration date will be automatically extended solely to allow for the completion of such services.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, or her designee, to supplement the initial not-to-exceed amount of \$3 million of any of the agreements by up to 25 percent.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, or her designee, to exercise the two one-year extension options on the above agreements at the discretion of the Director of Public Works, or her designee, based upon the level of satisfaction with the services provided.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended action will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to retain consultants to perform as-needed geotechnical and geohazard testing and inspection services for various County projects.

Public Works has initiated and anticipates initiating additional healthcare construction projects at Harbor-UCLA, Olive View-UCLA, LAC+USC, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Centers that will require compliance with the construction documents and building code requirements required by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) and other jurisdictional agencies. Approval to utilize geotechnical and geohazard testing and inspection consultants will provide assurance that the material products and processes used by the contractors comply with the OSHPD and other jurisdictional agencies code requirements and standards.

The execution of the agreements with the two consultants will allow for the flexibility to assign the consultants to different healthcare projects on an as-needed basis. These agreements are an efficient means of providing as-needed geotechnical and geohazard testing and inspection services for both large and small projects at the various medical center campuses.

The scope of work for the geotechnical and geohazard consultant services includes geotechnical consulting and geohazard investigation services, including soils and geologic exploration, analysis, and recommendations, in conjunction with project design and all services that are customarily rendered for code and quality assurance/quality control inspections, including geotechnical monitoring and testing, investigations and analyses, and various materials sampling, testing, and inspection as required by jurisdictional agencies and directed by the County's project manager.

There are several current and upcoming significant healthcare projects that will require these services, either immediately or in the near future. Upcoming projects that will require these services include the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parking Structure and site assessments required at LAC+USC and Harbor-UCLA Medical Centers in response to the August 26, 2014 Board motion to study expansions at the two hospitals.

Each contract will be for a duration not to exceed three years, with the option to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal

Sustainability (Goal 1), and Integrated Service Delivery (Goal 3), as these agreements will support inspection/material testing services that will ensure that the projects are built in accordance with the construction documents and are code compliant.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended two agreements are each for a \$3 million not-to-exceed amount for a duration not to exceed three years each, with the option to extend the contract for up to two additional one-year terms. Each consultant services agreement provides that the County reserves the right to supplement the initial not-to-exceed amount of \$3 million of the contract by up to 25 percent.

Sufficient funds will be available in the Capital Projects Budget to fund the recommended agreements. Financing will be provided by the various upcoming projects.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on a competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable County requirements.

The contracts will contain terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances policies and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) Programs, Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions involve an administrative activity of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. Additionally, the proposed action is a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Services under these agreements will only be utilized in connection with projects that have already been approved by the Board, and for which appropriate findings under CEQA have been made, as necessary.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On June 25, 2013, Public Works issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for as-needed geotechnical and geohazard testing and inspection services for the various healthcare projects. The RFP was advertised on the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works "Contract Opportunities" websites. On July 23, 2013, a total of eight firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP. The

proposals were evaluated by an evaluation committee from Public Works. After a qualifications-based evaluation of the written proposals, the evaluation committee determined the best qualified firms to be AMEC Environment & Infrastructure (AMEC) and URS Corporation (URS). This recommendation is based on the overall technical expertise, proposed work plans, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of work requirements.

Upon selecting AMEC and URS as the most qualified firms, hourly rates for services were requested. Following negotiations, the final hourly rates and fees were reviewed by Public Works and are considered reasonable for the scopes of work.

AMEC and URS's Community Business Enterprises participation data and three-year contracting history with the County of Los Angeles are on file with Public Works.

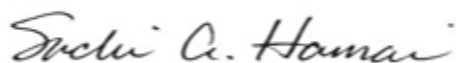
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects as a result of authorizing the award of the recommended as-needed consultant services agreements. Authorizing the recommended agreements will allow Public Works to facilitate delivery of the construction of the various healthcare projects approved or to be approved in the future by the Board.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division; and Public Works, Project Management Division I.

Respectfully submitted,



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- County Counsel
- Health Services
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